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Beringer Blass acquires Marlborough vineyard to underpin growth plans for its New Zealand operations

Beringer Blass Wines Estates (Beringer Blass), a global leader in premium wine and a major division of Foster's Group, today announced the acquisition by its New Zealand operations of a small vineyard in the highly esteemed Marlborough region.

The 16 hectare (40 acre) Hawkesbridge Vineyard was purchased to secure premium fruit supply from this high-demand region. The acquisition also includes a modern dwelling with cellar door capability, an award-winning brand (Hawkesbridge) and some plant and equipment.

The vineyard is expected to provide 40 tonnes of fruit in the 2002 harvest, increasing to 126 tonnes at full bearing in vintage 2005. Plantings are primarily of Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, along with small quantities of Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

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